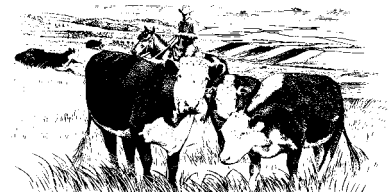


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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 440 thousand head on March 1, 2001, 1 percent below last month, but 9 percent above March 2000. During February, placements of 55.0 thousand head were 10 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 4 percent below February 2000. Other disappearance totaled 10.0 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.7 million head on March 1, 2001. The inventory was up 3 percent from the 11.3 million head on March 1, 2000 and 12 percent above March 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.58 million, 16 percent below 2000 and 13 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.50 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 336 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 402 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 517 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 325 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.75 million, 15 percent below 2000 and 5 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 81.0 thousand head during February, 4 percent above 2000 and 25 percent above 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed March 1, 2001 in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.0 million, up 3 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above March 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.33 million, 17 percent below 2000 and 15 percent below 1999. Marketings during February totaled 1.48 million, 16 percent below 2000 and 5 percent below 1999. Other disappearance during February was 64.0 thousand head, 36 percent above 2000 and 52 percent above 1999.

Special Note:

The year-to-year relationship for placements, marketings, and other disappearance was affected by an extra day in February 2000 due to the leap year. This extra day overstated the percent change from February 2000. For example, adjusting placements to an average daily basis for the United States and historic seven states would indicate February placements 13 and 14 percent below 2000, respectively.

NUMBER OF CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed February 1 a/			Placed During February		Marketed During February	
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	275	302	110	27	41	24	28
California	415	445	107	50	55	52	50
Colorado	1,200	1,230	103	250	195	265	225
Iowa	385	385	100	39	45	48	44
Kansas	2,340	2,500	107	420	335	430	350
Nebraska	2,370	2,430	103	390	310	440	350
Texas	2,900	2,930	101	430	350	490	430
Seven-State Total	9,885	10,222	103	1,606	1,331	1,749	1,477
State	Other Disappearance During February b/		Number on Feed March 1		2001/2000		
	2000	2001	2000	2001			
	1,000 Head					Percent	
Arizona	3	8	275	307	112		
California	8	10	405	440	109		
Colorado	5	10	1,180	1,190	101		
Iowa	1	1	375	385	103		
Kansas	10	15	2,320	2,470	106		
Nebraska	10	10	2,310	2,380	103		
Texas	10	10	2,830	2,840	100		
Seven-State Total	47	64	9,695	10,012	103		

a/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

b/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR CALIFORNIA AND U.S. ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		February 2000	January 2001	Feb. 15, 2001	February 2000	January 2001	Feb. 15, 2001
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	89.00	98.00	101.00	74.30	84.90	86.80
Alfalfa, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	91.00	102.00	103.00	77.00	91.30	94.20
Hogs ^{2/} ^{3/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	39.90	37.20	38.60
Cows ^{2/}	Cwt.	36.50	37.50	39.00	37.10	39.00	41.50
Steers and Heifers ^{2/}	Cwt.	67.50	78.00	78.00	71.00	79.30	78.40
Calves ^{2/}	Cwt.	96.00	98.00	95.00	105.00	108.00	108.00
Sheep ^{2/}	Cwt.	31.50	40.50	---	39.50	43.30	---
Lambs ^{2/}	Cwt.	72.00	69.00	---	72.00	74.10	---
Milk Cows ^{4/}	Head	---	1,480.00	---	---	1,320.00	---
Milk Whsle. ^{2/}	Cwt.	11.00	12.19	12.00	11.80	13.20	13.10

^{1/} The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Previous month revised to monthly average.

^{3/} Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

CALIFORNIA HONEY PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

California's 2000 honey production, at 30.8 million pounds, was 2 percent above 1999. Producing colonies totaled 440 thousand, down 13 percent from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 70 pounds, compared to 60 pounds produced per colony in 1999.

HONEY PRICES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Prices for the 2000 crop averaged 59.4 cents per pound, down 1 percent from the 60.1 cents in 1999. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. At the State level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op, and private channels. At the U.S. level, honey prices for each color class are derived by weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Co-op and private prices were lower for all color classes, except "Other Honey," in 2000.

U.S. HONEY PRODUCTION UP 8 PERCENT

Honey production in 2000 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 221 million pounds, up 8 percent from 1999. Producing colonies totaled 2.63 million in 2000, down 2 percent from 1999. The yield per colony averaged 83.9 pounds, up 7.5 pounds from the 76.4 pounds in 1999. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state, therefore, yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 86.2 million pounds on December 15, 2000, up 9 percent from a year earlier.



HONEY PRODUCTION FOR TOP FIVE STATES AND U.S. ^{1/}

State	Number of Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Average Price Per Pound ^{2/}		Value of Production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000		Lbs.		1,000 Lbs.		Cents		\$1,000	
California	505	440	60	70	30,300	30,800	55	58	16,665	17,864
Florida	228	232	102	105	23,256	24,360	53	54	12,326	13,154
Minnesota	145	150	82	90	11,890	13,500	61	57	7,253	7,695
N. Dakota	255	290	105	115	26,775	33,350	59	56	15,797	18,676
S. Dakota	224	235	104	121	23,296	28,435	60	57	13,978	16,208
U.S. ^{3/}	2,688	2,634	76	84	205,250	221,005	60	59	126,075	132,205

^{1/} For producers with five or more colonies.

^{2/} Prices weighted by sales.

^{3/} Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during February 2001 totaled 81.0 million pounds (dressed weight), down 16 percent from last month, and 3 percent below February 2000. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In February 2001, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,258 pounds; calves, 156 pounds; and hogs 220 pounds.

U.S. VEAL PRODUCTION SETS RECORD LOW FOR FEBRUARY

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.40 billion pounds in February, down 10 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in February 2000.

February 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. February 2001 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 1.88 billion pounds, was 13 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.58 million head, down 12 percent from February 2000. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year to 1,218 pounds.

Veal production totaled 16.0 million pounds, 14 percent below February a year ago and 6 percent below February 1999's record low. Calf slaughter totaled 79.0 thousand head, down 17 percent from February 2000. The average live weight, at 328 pounds, was 10 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.49 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.60 million head, 6 percent below February 2000. The average live weight of 264 pounds was two pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.0 million pounds, was down 13 percent from February 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 245 thousand head, 16 percent below the same time last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 5 pounds from February a year ago.

January-February red meat production was 7.34 billion pounds, 3 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Using comparable figures from last year, beef and veal production were each 6 percent lower, lamb & mutton production was 7 percent lower, but pork production was 2 percent higher.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, FEBRUARY 2000-01 1/

Species & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Head		1,000 Lbs.		Lbs.	
CATTLE						
California	80.8	77.1	99,980	97,018	1,237	1,258
U.S. Total	2,936.9	2,580.0	3,598,133	3,141,619	1,225	1,218
CALVES						
California	11.2	8.2	1,714	1,273	154	156
U.S. Total	95.0	78.8	30,170	25,878	318	328
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	293.6	245.3	40,518	35,190	138	143
HOGS						
California	180.4	172.1	38,491	37,858	213	220
U.S. Total	8,076.9	7,603.5	2,112,676	2,005,293	262	264
RED MEAT	February 2000	January 2001	February 2001	Feb. 01 Feb. 00	Feb. 01 Jan. 01	
	Million Lbs.			Percent		
California	83.4	95.9	81.0	97	84	
U.S. Total	3,770.7	3,934.2	3,401.7	90	86	

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal-inspection and other commercial slaughter, but excludes farm slaughter.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION IN 2000

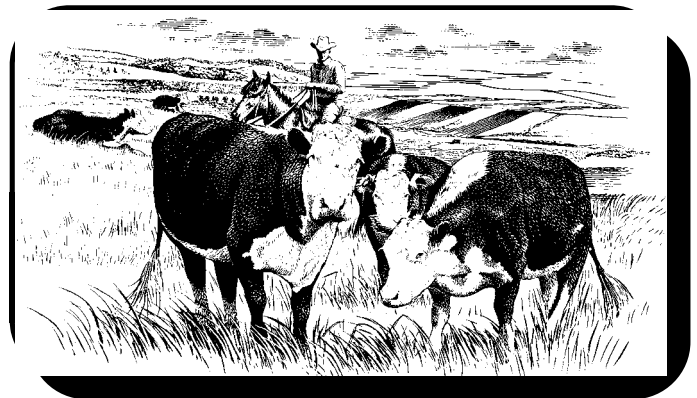
California production of red meat during 2000 totaled 1.07 billion pounds, 1 percent above last year's production of 1.06 billion pounds. The month of October 2000 had the largest red meat production with 97.2 million pounds.

Red meat production in commercial plants and on farms for the United States totaled 46.3 billion pounds in 2000, slightly higher than the previous record-high set in 1999. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 46.2 billion pounds.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION BY MONTH 1/

Month	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Million Lbs.			
January	89.0	88.3	3,832.9	3,785.6
February	81.2	83.4	3,536.6	3,770.7
March	93.9	94.9	4,017.1	4,048.2
April	89.6	79.6	3,822.4	3,464.9
May	85.3	89.8	3,603.3	3,880.9
June	88.9	90.7	3,940.2	3,942.7
July	85.4	83.0	3,780.7	3,645.1
August	89.2	95.1	3,910.2	4,115.8
September	88.0	88.8	3,932.5	3,862.9
October	89.1	97.2	4,000.7	4,099.2
November	88.9	92.8	3,891.8	3,920.5
December	91.7	90.7	3,862.2	3,614.7
TOTAL	1,060.3	1,074.3	46,130.3	46,151.4

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton, but excludes farm slaughter.



MARKETING-YEAR AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
		1999	2000	1999	2000
		Dollars			
Hogs	Cwt.	35.10	44.10	30.30	42.30
Cows 1/	Cwt.	34.80	35.90	35.10	37.90
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	64.30	69.80	66.90	72.30
Calves	Cwt.	79.10	93.00	87.70	104.00
Sheep	Cwt.	28.70	31.50	31.10	34.20
Lambs	Cwt.	74.80	78.20	74.50	79.40
Milk Cows	Head	1,380.00	1,490.00	1,280.00	1,340.00

1/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.